

I support RM-10811 except that Advanced Class should be eliminated. Advanced Class priveledges should be obtained only by holders of the Extra Class liscense, which should require a significant and comprehensive written test and 12 WPM (minimum) Morse exam. It would be even better if the Extra Morse requirement was 15 WPM as this is about the speed needed for useful casual conversation on the air in the CW mode. The mostly well thought out RM-10811 petition would preserve and encourage the highly useful and beneficial CW mode on the bands most suited for medium communication, and at the same time allow amateurs who are interested only in short range communication and digital modes to communicate and experiment on bands and sub-bands that are best suited for the purpose, and in some cases currently under-utilized.